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The Way I Remember It

The area around Louisburg was first settled in the 1830s when it was part of Polk County and maybe still in Greene County from which Polk County was formed in 1835. Dallas County was formed from Polk County in 1841 and was first called Niangua County and in 1844 was given the name Dallas County. Some of the names in the 1840 Polk County census who were later found in Dallas County are Baker,Ethridge,Wisdom,Lindsey,Darby,Breshears,Paine, Marsh and others.

The area was first called Round Prairie and contained all of Township 35,Range 20,part of Township 35,Range 19 and Township 34,Range 20. It was bounded on the west by Highway P in Polk County and south to the first road past the curve on Highway P that goes past the Breshears Cemetery which is in a field on the south side of the road. The prairie was said to have been 3 miles in diameter and bounded on the south by Lindley Creek,on the east by the Four Mile Prairie. The Urbana Prairie lay to the north.

Many of the people settling in this area before 1840 were neighbors and relatives from Lawrence County Tennessee. The Lindsey,Ethridge,Wisdom,Breshears and Paine families came from Lawrence County in the 1830s.

Bakers came from Indiana and Marshs from Ohio via Indiana and Illinois. It isn't known if they came together but they were in the area about the same time period.

The following names were found by 1840:John,Sarah Wisdom Ethridge and family;John, Naomi Ann Hogg Breshears and family;two William Wisdom families;John and Francis Wisdom and their families;Starling Lindsey and family;J.L.Paine and family and perhaps others from Lawrence County Tennessee.

From St. Louis County Missouri came James and John Jump and their families. Then from Ohio via Indiana and Illinois was Solomon and Lucy James Baker and family;James and Margaret Marsh and family. Lewis Hart,the Richardsons and the Hughes seem to be connected but it is unclear where they arrived from to Round Prairie. All the above had arrived before 1840.

My great great grandparents John and Naomi Hogg Breshears came about 1835 and settled about five miles from what is now Louisburg with most of the land remaining in Polk County after Dallas county was formed. John's brothers Henry Jr and Jessie and their sister Margaret(Peggy)came to nearby areas.* Coming about the same time was William Wisdom and his wife Dorcas Cruse. His sons Francis M,John andWilliam along with their sister Sarah,who married John Ethridge ,also arrived about that time. It is believed the above senior William was the uncle of Naomi Breshears thereby tying the above families together even more. Starling and Mary Asbel Lindsey and family also came from Lawrence County Tennessee at that time.

In the early 1840s several families came from Ohio. Noah Bray came from Gallia County. He first married a woman named Elizabeth and then Mary Breshears Baker. William and Margaret Marsh came from Ohio with their children John F,William,Lewis,Simon and James. Their daughter Elizabeth was married to Louis Richardson and another daughter was married to Lewis Hart and she died before 1854.

In 1843 Maclin and Nancy Wisdom Southard and most of their family came from McMinn county Tennessee and settled east of Louisburg. Matthew and Sarah Richardson Harper with their family came from Barren and Hart Counties of Kentucky. Hirum Russell,William Clark and family,James Hoffman and family,Joseph and Mary Jump Inks,Andrew and Sarah Hammoc and John McPheeters came from Indiana. The William and John Arnold families came about this time and also William Crudgington who then moved on to the Urbana area.

During the early 1850s James Bass,Francis and Fountain Hale,Rhodeman and Wesley Rice and William Hardison arrived from Tennessee. There was surely others and some of the above may have not lived in the exact area but had ties to those that did live on the prairie.

In 1848 Lewis Hart bought the land where the town of Louisburg is located. On the west side James Marsh bought land in 1840 and on the east side Starling Lindsey bought in 1841. James Marsh and John Tucker purchased land on the north. The above lies in sections 21,22,27 and 28 of Township 35,Range 20 of Dallas County Missouri. No one seems sure of the exact date the town was started and it may have just grown up from a settlement. There are different versions of it's being. One version says the town was begun around a still.As a child I was told it was named after three men named Lewis or Louis. They were Lewis Hart whose first wife was a daughter of James Marsh;Lewis Marsh son of James Marsh and Louis Green son of William Green. Lewis Marsh married Theodocia Wisdom, daughter of Francis Wisdom, after the death of his first wife.

Records for the area are scarce from 1840 throught 1867 as the Dallas County courthouse was burned 3 times during the Civil War.

One of the early churches was the Round Prairie Primitive Baptist Church which is still in existence. The church was organized in June 1849. It is believed the first church building was near a spring on the W.C. Wisdom farm where Clyde and Olive Ford later lived. Around the turn of the century it was moved to the present location in Louisburg. Josiah Conn was elected as the first pastor and served until his death in February 1863. Henry H. Breshears served as pastor in the early years. Isaac Sidwell was appointed pastor and served until his death in 1878. William C(Uncle Clum)Wisdom was pastor from 1878 until his death in 1901. J.H. (Henry)White served as pastor from 1901 to 1908 when Lewis Green was appointed pastor. After his death J.J. White and John A. Ford shared the pulpit through 1930 when John A. Ford was appointed pastor. In 1932 his son T.C. Ford was elected pastor and served until his death in 1958. The Elder Wilmer Harper of Quincy served a number of years as pastor. Francis Wisdom,father of William C., was the first church clerk and served for many years. R.B.Rice was a clerk and C.C. Ford also served in that position. The early church minutes

were lost in a fire when the home of R.B.Rice burned many years ago. I remember the names of Marsh,Wisdom,Breshears,Rice,Peyton,Agee,Black and Ford. I know there were others I don't remember.

I was not born in Louisburg,but in Buffalo. My parents were William Kelly(Billy) and Florence Elnora(Nora)Gladden McGee. They bought our home in 1924 and finished moving to Louisburg on Thanksgiving Day of that year. It was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. W.L.Allison. She was the second wife of Mr. Allison. The house had been newly remodeled and sat at the foot of the hill on the road running south out of town. Cat and Letha Bandel live there now.

We had 20 acres with two Jersey cows and one mixed breed. We had two white horses named Daisy and Nell,a young male we called Billy Buck,he may have been born after we moved to Louisburg. We kept several hogs and Mom had about 30 laying hens and some guineas who woke us at the crack of dawn. There were three gray geese and the gander was quite mean. At times we had a few ducks and lots of Bantams. We had a large orchard and garden. Daddy was still making brooms as he had done at Buffalo. A telephone was our one luxury.

The school was across the road. We were the last house on the east side of the street.

Our next door neighbors to the north were William H. and Nora Coon Beck. He was the son of Margaret(Aunt Marg)Marsh Beck Owens. Nora was the daughter of John and Bell Darby Coon. William H. and Nora had two daughters,Bonnie who married Ralph Brady,son of W.L. and Helen Brady, of Urbana. They moved to Bolivar then to Washington. Minnie Beck married Melvin Hall,son of Ralph and Clara Hall,who lived south of the school. They moved to Louisburg the year before we did and they came from Buffalo also. They were originally from Iowa. Besides Melvin they had Kenneth who married Lucille Simmons of Urbana,Truman who married Lois who taught in the high school.Basil who married Maxine Moore,daughter of Perry and Opal Bass Moore. Also there was Paul Lee who died young and Emma Alice. Minnie Beck and I were friends and had lots of good times together. Across the street was Dr. W.E. and Anna Beck Gammon and their children who were Cecil(Eddie),Hildreth and Helen. Cecil was a good musician and could play any band instrument. Hildreth was a teacher. She first married a Young from Marshfield,then later a Pitts. She died in Arizona. Helen married an Eagleburger from Springfield. They have 4 sons and live in Arizona. To the north of the Gammon house was a large orchard. The home was the showplace of t he town with flowers,shrubs and a garden.

On the east side just north of Becks lived an old couple named Brown. I don't remember much about them except that one of them died not long after we moved there. Roy Mac(McPheeters)Karr and family moved there later. Herman,Gladys and Helen were three of their children. Mac died in 1956. Later Ed and Grace McHaffey Kee lived there Then the Albert Kee family lived there with their children Elsie and Marceline that I remember. Mrs. Kee's brothers,Glen and Winston Campbell,lived there with them part time.

The next house north was the home of Aunt Martha Paine Lindsey ,widow of Uncle Farrell Lindsey,and her daughter Minnie Johnson.

After that was the new house of Harry and Winnie Atchley. She was the postmistress at Louisburg. They had no children.

On the west side of the street just north of the Gammon residence was Aunt Nan Hart Barbarick Denny and with her was her daughter and husband,Bessie and Lewis Bass and children,Paul and Dorothy. A third child was born later on. The Bass family later moved to the Kansas City area. Aunt Nan was the daughter of Lewis and Theodocia Wisdom Reynolds Hart. She was the widow of Thomas Barbarick who was a blacksmith. They were also the parents of Jennie. Jennie was married to Elder Tinsley Ford.They had 10 children. They were Thurston,Harold Wilson,Ruth who died young,Mildred,Orville,Minnie Jean,Bonnie Rose, Buford Lee,Joyce and Alice. Mildred married Vernon Williams and we lived near each other in Urbana for many years after our marriages.

Next door to Aunt Nan was Eva Gammon Lindsey and her daughter Ruby who later married Vernon Shover. Ruby was the primary school teacher. I believe another daughter Gladys and her husband Walter Bass lived there for awhile with Eva. Walter and Gladys had daughters Fern and Evelyn. Eva had a daughter Fern also and she died as a teenager.

Next to Harry Atchley was an alley then a store building which was run by Mr. and Mrs. David Carson. They had a son Ray who was crippled. The family lived in the country. Upstairs over their store the Masonic Lodge met.

Next was a mill owned by George Arnold who lived south of town. I can still remember him passing our house with his wagon and team. He had sons Shelby and Virgil,a daughter Ressie who married Thomas Atteberry. They had a son Hollis Atteberry. They were the children of his first wife Lizzie Southard. He had two other small daughters,Mildred and Marie,by his second wife,Grace. The above two buildings were wooden and quite crude.

Next and on the corner where Williams Grocery is located was a large building. Albert Marsh had a hardware store there. I don't remember anything being upstairs other than maybe living quarters. East of there on the south side of the street was the home of Tom and Cora Marsh Bass, Their children were Louis,Nell and Walter who were already married. Also were Bonnie,May,Howard and Esther. There may have been more. Nell married Roy Dorman and had Clifton, Forest, and Carl.

Next to them was Charley and Oma Barbarick. He had been a blacksmith. They had a son, Odus, who I think had been a mayor of Springfield at one time. They had a daughter,Ada,who married W.L.Allison and another daughter, Mamie,who was a teacher.

Reverend J.B.Smith and his family lived next door to the Barbaricks. His wife was Mollie Mustain Smith and his two daughters at home were Geneva who married Curt Barnhart and then Abe Baker.I don't know the other daughter. They also had a son Alva.

Next was W.F.and Mollie Lindsey. They had a son,Arthur,who married Lissie Alford and had Warnice,Charles and Willa. There were two Lindsey daughters,Nessie and Nora. One was

the mother of Lillian Jones who married Dr. J. L. Johnston of Springfield,formerly of Wheatland,Missouri. On across where Highway 65 is now was the home of Charley and Addie Arnold Rice. They had two sons Bertrum and Wilby. Bertrum's wife was a Vear. Wilby married Bonnie Scrivener.

At the top of the hill was Roscoe and Stella Gammon Lindsey and their two sons Drury and Wayne. Down the road a way was a spring on the south side of the road. It never went dry and the kids would walk down there and have picnics. It was near the road that turned to go to the Crudgington Cemetery.

On the north side of the road going toward town was a house that probably belonged to the Kee family. It was later moved to face highway 65 where the Stokesberry place now is.

Then was the Christian Church and the Louisburg Cemetery. I don't remember who was the pastor at the Christian Church. The first time I remember being there Reverend Orville Hodge was the preacher.

It is some distance to the next house. I'm not sure if Marian and Zelpha Rush Jones lived there yet. Their children were Laverta and Laverne.

Then there was a blacksmith shop run by Mr. McDaniel. His wife was Docia. They lived south of town. They had a daughter and two sons Jessie and Jack. Jessie killed himself not long after we moved there.

Next was a new building. Ralph Hall opened a garage in the building. He was a mechanic and sold Whippet cars,I believe. He later built a garage east of the blacksmith shop. That building was the M.F.A. for awhile and there was a barbershop in it.

Next was the bandstand(Gazebo). The band had concerts there and children played in it. Later it was moved to the picnic grounds.

Then came the hotel which was operated by L.B.(Bent) and Bell Losure Montgomery. They fed drummers(salesmen) and often they spent the night. The local teachers sometimes boarded there.

There was some vacant lots and the post office,an old wooden building. Next to that was two or three small wooden store buildings. Dorcas Ethridge lived in one and Zeke Lindsey lived in another.

Next was a large building which had been the Peyton Hardware but it was vacant. Next to it but setting back from the street was the large Peyton house where Aunt Vic Marsh Petyon lived. She had reared a large family. Her sons Elmer and Earl were dead. Her daughter Minnie was married to R.B.Rice. Dessa married Carl Johnson who lived nearby. Marsha was married to Nelson B. Evans who was at one time Proscecuting Attorney of Dallas county. There were two younger sons Lawrence and Loenel.

The next house was that of Clyde P.Marsh and his wife Maude Atchley Marsh. They had two children,Wendell and Georgia. I don't quite remember who lived in the next house,but I think it was the Willie Rush family. Later on Carl and Dessa Johnson built a new house next to this house.

Then was the large Atchley house. Living there was J.A.(Abe) and May Wilson Atchley and their son Herman. They were also parents of Maude Marsh and Harry Atchley. They also had a son George who died during World War I.

The next place was that of W.R. Kee. He was living alone. His second wife,Eliza,was ill and being cared for by her daughter,Mrs. John Ethridge,who lived northeast of town. His first wife was Mary A Southard,daughter of John and Elizabeth Southard. Elizabeth was the daughter of Maclin and Nancy Wisdom Southard.

Next was Harry and Grace Scarbrough and their son Warren. Grace had been married to a Mr. Peyton first. After he died she married Harry.

Next to the Scarbroughs the road turned north to go to Urbana. Highway 65 wasn't built until 4 or 5 years later. Down that road away was the A.B.(Tin) Martin home. Living there was Tin and his second wife and children who were Marie and Jo. He had sons by his first marriage including Ramie and Clint who was a teacher. There was one who died in WWI.

Across from the Scarbrough house was a large open field,then a house where some Marshs or Wisdoms lived. Then on the south side of the road farther west was the home of Virgil and Minnie Scarbrough Atchley and their children Loren and Herschel(Buck). I think he was a son of Dr. Morgan Atchley,an early doctor in Louisburg.. I remember Virgil's mother,Aunt Virginia Lindsey Atchley,lived with them.

Going on east the south side of the road lived Claud and Lova Arnold Line and daughters,Phyllis and Naomi. Claud was the rural mail carrier.

Then was the picnic grounds where the Louisburg Old Settlers' Reunion was held. We just called it the Louisburg Picnic. I didn't miss one until 1944. My mother remembered the very first one that was held. She remembered going in a covered wagon with her Grandfather and Grandmother Breshears who lived southwest of Louisburg near Lindley Creek. We always looked forward to the 24th of July.

Next to the picnic grounds was the Primitive Baptist Church where our family went to church. Next was the Missionary Baptist Church which became the First Baptist Church in later years.

Then came the home of Mr. and Mrs. Agee and their granddaughters,Velma Wooten and Grace Mashburn. Both girl's mothers had died and they were raised by their grandparents. Mr. Agee's son by a first marriage was elder C.C.Agee,a Primitive Baptist minister. Mr. and Mrs. Agee had several daughters who died young.

Just south of the Agees was the home of Elder J.A.Ford and his wife Emma,who was an Edwards before her marriage. Elder Ford was pastor of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years. They had several children,most lived near Louisburg. The oldest died before I remember. Clyde married Olive Marsh Kittrell. L.E. married Analee Childers. Lon married a Stewart. Bert married Zona Stewart. Roy married a Hendrickson. Tinsley,who was also a Primitive Baptist minister,married Jennie Barbarick. Grace married William K. Peyton.

Just east of the Agees lived Aunt Clem Arnold Marsh Wisdom and her daughter Nora who was retarded. She had a son who lived in Oklahoma and visited her often. Later the Ralph Halls bought her place and lived out their lives there.

Next was the home of Shelby and Grace Montgomery Bass and their children who were

Kenneth ,Mary Bell,Vanetta and Reba. They moved to Oklahoma later.

Next was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Waldren and their son Earl. They ran a store and mill up the street. They had a light plant and ran a line from the store to the house. There was no electricity in Louisburg at that time,not until around 1930.

Next was Simon and Lizzie Russell Marsh and their two daughters. Retta was married to Arthur Moore and Neta was married to Ralph Baker. The Bakers had moved to California.

Next to the Marshs was Elizabeth Jones. To me she was Aunt Bet. She was the daughter of Clum and Betsy wisdom. She and her husband John Beck adopted Anna Asbore. Anna married W.E.Gammon. Aunt Bet was also married to J.K.P. Jones.

Next was the store and mill belonging to the Waldrens. Then there was a road that led south toward the school. There was no house for some distance until the home of Joseph and Hulda Adams Jones and their daughters Laurena and Dolly. They lived almost across from the school.

Next to the school was a huge barn on the Dr. Gammon Place. Sometime before 1928 it was stored full of green tobacco and it caught fire. I remember the older boys at school carried water and poured on the school to keep it from catching fire.

Up this road to the north on the main street was the home of C.C. (Lum) Carter and his daughters Ruth and Alpha. They ran the switchboard for many years. Ruth later married Estel Dryer and Alpha married Charles Lindsey. Alpha and Charley ran the switchboard for a long time.

Next to them was the home of Uncle Billy and Aunt Rilda Hughes Marsh. Her mother lived with them and she died there that first year we were in Louisburg. She was buried at Crudgington Cemetery. She was Mary Hughes wife of Andy Hughes. It was very cold and there was ice on the ground as there had been most of the winter. The Marshs had Olive who married Clyde Ford,Perry who married Eva Garrett and they lived in Springfield.

There was an old concrete building to the east of Marshs. In front was a small store. I don't think it was in use when we moved there. The back was a blacksmith shop. Then was the bank. There was a store built between them soon after we moved there. The bank failed a few years after we moved there.

Next was the mercantile store owned by J.A. Atchley and his son-in-law Clyde Marsh. They sold everything including clothes,shoes and groceries. They bought chickens,eggs and cream. It was quite a large store for those days. People came from miles to town on Saturdays. They brought their produce and purchased supplies. There weren't too many cars then. There were hitch racks behind the stores and they would be full. Lots of people came and stayed all day and some brought lunch. Some bought a treat of cheese and crackers at the store. People visited until time to go home and do chores. This store was the headquarters.

A few years later MFA opened their store across the street and later there was a store between the bank and concrete store.

Then Curt Johnson built and opened a grocery store just west of the hotel. The Atchleys built a building next to Johnsons and moved the Post Office and then a café to the other side.

It is now the Masonic Hall.

Next door to the Mercantile was Gammon Drug Store and Soda Fountain. Virgil Arnold worked there. Dr. Gammon's office was back of the drugstore. They had tables and chairs to sit and drink "cokes", which were a nickel. Upstairs above the drugstore was a hall where people showed movies. The school had plays there until the new school was built.

There was a town pump at the junction of the east/west road and the south road. That is all of the town as it was in 1924.

Living south from our house less than a quarter of a mile was Margaret(Aunt Marg) Marsh Beck Owens and her son Travis Owens and family. She died in February 1925.

Behind her to the east was Richard Lashbrook and his wife. They were from Indiana and had no relatives in the area. She died sometime after we moved there. Albert Beck and his family had returned from California and Mr. Lashbrook gave them his place for taking care of him as he wasn't able to take care of himself. Albert's wife was named Ellen.

John and Dora Reynolds lived 3 or 4 miles south of town. They attended church with my parents. They had a son,Stanley,who married Ethel Jackson. She was a widow with a boy and a girl. Stanley and Ethel had a daughter. John and Dora's daughter was Ruby. She married Dean Rhodelander and they had one son. They divorced and she remarried and had other children. John was my cousin Noel Gladden's uncle,his mother's brother I think. John and Dora moved to California. Mom and Dora corresponded for many years. John was a large man and Dora a tiny woman. They died in California.

Also south of town was Everett and Floy Smith Moore and family. Their sons were Roy and Charles. Charles was a veterinarian at Buffalo for many years. He married an Ervin form Fair Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Moore's daughter Gwinadene died young. Mary Ella Moore married Ray Hackler of Long lane.

Nearby was Perry and Opal Bass Moore and daughters Maxine and Irene. Also close was L.E. and Annalee Childers Ford and sons John and Jesse who married Doris Stokesberry. I don't think John ever married. They also had two daughters, Beatrice and Marie. Marie married Erba Riddle and lived in Kansas City.

In the area was Arthur and Retta Marsh Moore and children Sylvia,Nelson,Vernon and Blanch.

I remember Uncle John and Aunt Montie Marsh Arnold and their granddaughter,Freda Johnson,being near. Their daughter Flora had married Claud Johnson and had Glen and Freda who was just a baby when her mother died

East of the Arnolds was the Clyde Ford family which included his sons Hubert and Kenneth by his marriage to a Buckner woman. His second wife had a daughter,Vera Kittrell. Their own children were Clyde,Cecil and Mary Louise. Olive Ford was the daughter of William and Rilda Hughes Marsh. Clyde and Olive were mentioned earlier. It was on this land that it is believed the first Round Prairie Baptist Church was located. The David Carsons

lived north of Fords.

O.P. Caldwells lived on a road west from Arthur Moores. O.P. married Mary James. Their children were Hazel,Virgil,Milford,Leland, Lucille,Wilma,Lowell and Gordon. Hazel married Dwight Condren. They both taught school for many years. Lucille married Dale Cassity. Wilma married Jess Davidson.

Cleve and Frances Mashburn were next there with their daughter Alpha. They went to California.

Also living in the area was Arthur and Retta Marsh Moore. Their children were Sylvia who married Louis Herbert, Nelson who married Beulah Cox,George Vernon who never married and Blanche who married Johnny Martin.

Some of the places are hard for me to remember exactly. There was Burdine and Minnie Josephine Peyton Rice. One daughter Josephine died quite young and their son Boyd was kicked by a horse and never grew up in stature or mind. He was a wonderful playmate as we were growing up.

There was Roma Norman. I don't remember his wife's name. They had two grown daughters and sons,Virgil and Kenneth.

The next place back east was Jess Hughes and his wife. Not far from them was Jim and Nettie Carter Black. Their family I remember was Edyth who married Ernest Davison, another daughter who married a Davison,Julia,Monroe,Roy and Lola. They had a son killed in WWI. South of them the road made a *T* with the east road crossing the bridge on Lindley Creek and turning south. The west road went on to the Jess Hughes place.

Just north of them was Will and Della Barbarick Caldwell. They had sons Manville, Oren and Billy. Manville was a Christian minister. He married Ella Lauman.

Near there was the Henry White place. I'm not sure whether or not they were living there when we moved to Louisburg. He was Primitive Baptist preacher. He was married to Venie Rice who was the daughter of Rhodeman Rice. They had 7 or 8 children.

Back to the Normans going south the next house I remember was Melven and Dora Pendergraph Alford. They were sort of related on both sides. Their children were John, Jim,Jewell,Leonard Voin,Maurice,Lou Gene and Carl Allen. Dora's mother was Lou Atteberry Pendergraph. She married Daddy's brother Jacob McGee.

The road made a sharp bend west there. Uncle Sam Peters lived off the road to the south. His wife was dead and he lived alone for years.

There was Eddie and Maude Bush Bandel and their son Robert and Clarence Dale on the north side of the road. The old Rice School set somewhere there. They were still having school there in 1924.

On the south side of the road was Ike and Pearl Peters and their family Jim,Edith,Brooksey, and Everett. Jim married Juanita Bass,daughter of Walter and Mary Baker Bass. Edith married Hugh Wells and lived in Springfield. Brooksey married a Ruth and Everett married Ressie Arnold daughter of Jim and Rose Arnold of Urbana.

I think there was one other house before the road made a *T*. Going on south the first house was Luther and Ida Wise Austin and their son Leland and daughter Lela.

Next was John and Emma Southard Austin. They had 3 daughters. I remember Thelma and Frieda. Freida married Ernest Mashburn son of Jess and Meda Carter Mashburn.

On south and across Lindley Creek was the home of Ernie and Josie Alford Cox, Their children were Elmer,Beulah,Willard and a younger girl.

After that was Paul and Eva Bray Cox and their children Gordon and Shirley. That road went on to Lindley Church.

Back to the *T* the road went north and then back west. George and Grace Arnold and their family already mentioned,except for their daughter Hazel Parrish,lived off the main road.

Then was Frank and Edth Holt Davidson and their children Elsie ,Florence, Nina, Jesse, Auda and Glen. Elsie married Leon Walker,Florence married Alpha Fisher,Nina married Bob Booth,Jesse married Wilma Davison,Auda married Glen Merrifield and Glen married Clara Mahaffey. I don't remember any farther that way.

East from the spring near Louisburg was the road to the Crudgington Cemetery. I think Lester and Julie Booth Ethridge and their daughter Irene lived there. On past the cemetery on the old Rice place lived Andy and Vena Anderson and daughters Celesta and Vivian.

On east from the spring was a road that went north. The first place I remember was Emma Karr and her son Ernie. Her daughter Ressie and her children Kenneth and Helen Smith lived there also.

A Grudier family lived over that way and a Prince family. They had sons Kenneth and Eugene. On beyond were families of Ethridge and Booth who went to Louisburg to trade.

Back to the main road,first on the north was the family of Oscar and Etta Booth. Their children that I remember were Julia who was already married to Lester Ethridge,Albert was married to a woman named Edith,Finis,Vernie,Bob,Bonnie,Vaughn,Bert and Warren G.

Next was John and Alva Solomon whose children were Emmett,Hildred and Esma.

On the south side of the road up the lane was the Jim and Ola Wise Snow home. Jim had died a few years earlier. They had Elsie who was married to a Killion, Myron, Jack,Harold,Orville, Ruth and Elmer. Harold was killed in a hunting accident in the 20s. Jim Wise and my mother were second cousins one way and third cousins another way.

Still on the south side was the home of Will and Grace Ford Peyton and family already mentioned.

On the north side up a lane was a Mrs. McPheeters and her son Elmer. She also had a son Floyd.

Then on a way was a couple of Cox houses. Alvin and Gladys lived in the first and his brother Jim and Ada Snow Cox in the next.

Leaving that road and going south a way was the home of Everett and Lucy Baker Bass and their children Clarence,Elizabeth and Emma June.

Not far up the road was the New Hope Church and cemetery where many of my mother's

relatives are buried. Ernie and Lucille Jennings lived near the cemetery. They had Ernestine and Billy.

Back to town,just past the Virgil Atchley house on the west side was a road going south and one going north. I don't remember anyone down the north road but it went to the Hale School.

Going south was first Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rush. They were older and had no children at home. Some I remember were Laurel,Willis,Augustus,Zelpha Rush Jones and Elaine Rush Williams.

The next house I think was a Jones family. They were Noma,Odus,Oren,Clarence, Glen, Jewell and Floyd.

Then there was the Albert Marsh family who has already been mentioned.

After that was Oscar and Bertha Staples Marsh and family who were Raymond,Leora and Kenneth.

Off the road a way was Israel,Ida and Herbert Marsh. Farther on was the home of Roy and Nell Bass Dorman. They had 3 sons who were Clifton,Forest and Carl. They later moved to town and ran the MFA.

Back north was the Atlas School and near it lived Willie and Nancy Dryer. They had only one daugher,Inez,who married Lon Kinnick.

Back to the east/west road,if I remember correctly,Orville and Elaine Rush Williams and their little girl lived in the first house.

I don't remember who lived in the next house,but not too much later Wilbur Howard,his wife Atha and her daughter Thelma Jenkins moved there.

Next on the north some distance from the road was the D.M. Rush place. Living on it were Albert and Stella Crawford Fugate. I don't know if I remember all their children. The boys were Lee,John,Jim,Seigal and Virgil. The girls were Minnie Bell,Goldie, and I think one other.

On the other side of the road was the E.T. Severns home. The road to the Atlas School also went by it. They had a daughter Elsie and sons Chauncy,Chestly,Dwight and Gayle.

On west and on the north side was Mr. and Mrs. George Scarbrough. They were parents of Harry,Minnie Atchley,Alberta who married Lee Fugate and Merle who went to California.

Then on the south side was a road that led up to the house where Bert and Zona Stewart Ford lived. They had Floyd,Ira,Ivan,Loniel,Dottie,Pauline,Leonard and Lawrence.

The next house on the north was Uncle Henry and Aunt Emma Morrison Bass. I don't know all their children,they were married by then. Everett married Lucy Baker. Edna married Judge Pitts. Minnie married Bert Matthews,but there were others. This puts us at the county line.

I don't remember much about people north except Walter and Myrtle Quisenberry Ethridge and daughter Hazel lived about one mile north. Willie and Rosa Bray Ethridge and their daughters Amy and Faye lived near the Lone Post(Mission Ridge) Church. In those days

everyone called it "Buzzard's Roost". Amy married Clarence Marsh and Faye married my brother Carl.

William Hale and wife lived down that way. They had Hattie,who married Louis Hoppers and Roy Huckaby. Nancy married a Barker,there was Jesse and maybe others.

Back west were Pitts,Paynes,Dryers,Richards,Fishers and others but I didn't know exactly where they lived.

Louisburg has changed much since then. The building of Highway 65 started the change,followed by the depression and Dust Bowl of the 30s. I remember the dust was so thick sometimes you could hardly see the sun. It would sift in around the windows and doors. If you hung the laundry out you had to shake the dust off. It was so dry many crops failed.

Then came WWII which took all the young men and after the war most of them didn't return to their home town, but found work elsewhere. I was away for awhile and my mother moved to Springfield to be near my brother Kelly who was injured in the service and was in O'Reilly Hospital.

**At the time Mom wrote this down it was thought the mentioned Breshears were brothers and sister,but later it was learned they may have been cousins instead and at this time nothing has been proven of their kinship.*

West

1. Virgil Atchley 1□
2. Claude Line
3. Marsh
4. Primitive Baptist Church
5. Missionary Baptist Church
6. Harry Scarbrough
7. Agee
7A. J.A. Ford 2□
8. Wm Kee
9. Aunt Clem Marsh Wisdom
10. Shelby Bass 4□
11. Abe Atchley
12. Carl Johnson
13. Willie Rush 5□
14. Mr. Waldren
15. Simon Marsh
16. Clyde Marsh 7□
17. Aunt Vic Peyton
18. Aunt Betsy Jones 9□
00. A.B. Martin
19. Waldren's Store&Mill 10□
20. Old Peyton Hotel Bldg
21. Barber Shop 14□
22. Zeke Lindsey
23. Post Office 15□
24. C.C. Carter Telephone 18□
25. Uncle Billy Marsh

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26. Old bldg,blacksmith shop in back 48□
27. Store bldg
28. Bank
29. Marsh&Atchley Store 49□

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Highway 65 built abt 1928

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30. Gammon Drugstore
31. Hotel
32. Garage
01. Blacksmith Shop
33. Eva Lindsey
34. Aunt Nan Barbarick
35. Dr. W.E. Gammon
36. Louisburg School
□3 37. Ralph Hall,1925
38. W.K.McGee
39. W.H.Beck
40. Browns,then Ed Kee
41. Aunt Martha Lindsey

To Urbana

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42. Harry Atchley
□11 43. Store Bldg,David Carson
□12 upstairs Masonic Hall
□13 44. George Arnold Mill
45. Hardware
□16 46. Tom Bass
□17 47. Marion Jones
48. Charley Barbarick
□20 49. Rev. Smith
□21 50. Wm Lindsey
□22 51. Christian Church
□23 52. Louisburg Cemetery
53. C.E. Rice
54. Roscoe Lindsey
□31 55. Bill Jones
□56 56. Bandstand
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51□ 52□□

East